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RE: MUR 5691

Michael Whalen; Whalen for Congress and Kirk E. Whalen, in his official capacity as treasurer; Iowa Machine Shed Co.; Carmen Darland; and Brian Dumas

Dear Mr. Kappel:

On December 9, 2005, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") notified your clients of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). On January 11, 2007, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, information provided by your clients, and publicly available information, that there is no reason to believe your clients violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b, a provision of the Act. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Ana Peña-Wallace, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton

General Counsel

: Lawrence L. Calvert, Jr.

Deputy Associate General Counsel

for Enforcement

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General Counsel's Report